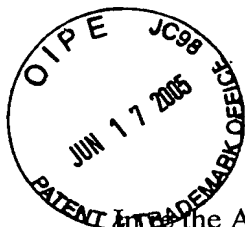


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 18, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants
provisionally elect Species 1, Figures 1. At least claims 1-5 and 12-17 read on this species.

Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and prompt allowance of the
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